

# SAFETY BULLETIN

## HEIGHTENED ANIMAL ACTIVITY

The fall season is the time of year that rutting (mating) season begins where animals behave erratically. There is less sunlight during your commute to and from work making these camouflaged animals even more difficult to see.



Petro-Canada Operations statistics show that animal strikes is the second leading cause of motor vehicle accidents that have been reported since 2002. Aside from the damage that an animal strike can cause, as you can see from the picture above, the potential risk of serious personal injury is great.

According to Mission Possible animals are likely to be out and active near the road: on moonlit nights, dusk to dawn, where there is lush greenery at the roadside & treed areas on both sides of the road which encourages crossing for protection.

What can you do to prevent or minimize the potential of striking an animal? The most effective thing you can do is **SLOW DOWN** and be extra cautious when driving on roads that take you through wooded areas especially when the road is narrow. Watch for movement along the roadside, particularly during dusk and dawn. At night look for sudden, unusual spots of lights, which may be your lights reflecting off an animal's eyes. Remember that animals are usually found in groups. If you see one, there are probably others close by.

# ANIMAL STRIKES



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